

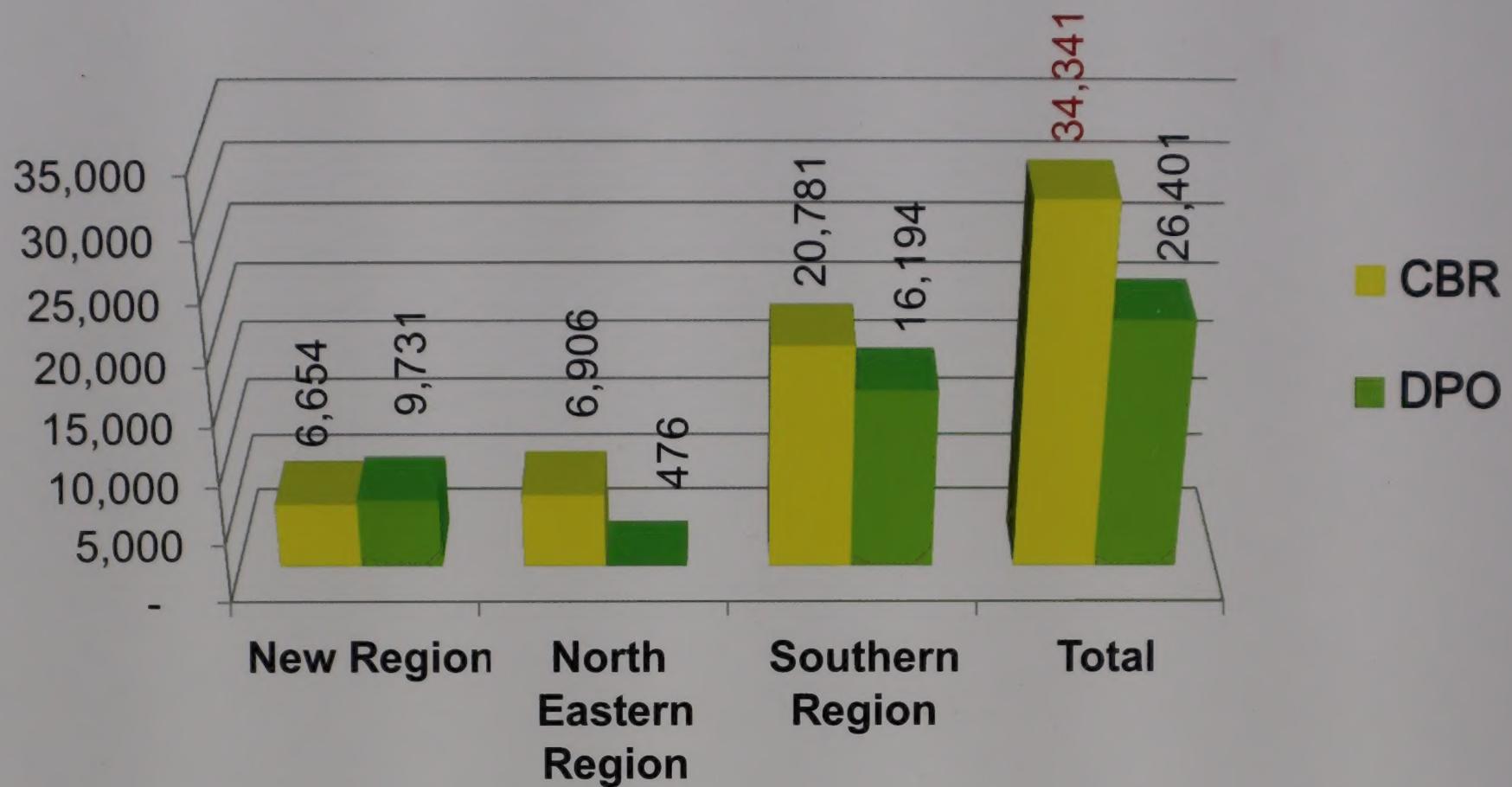


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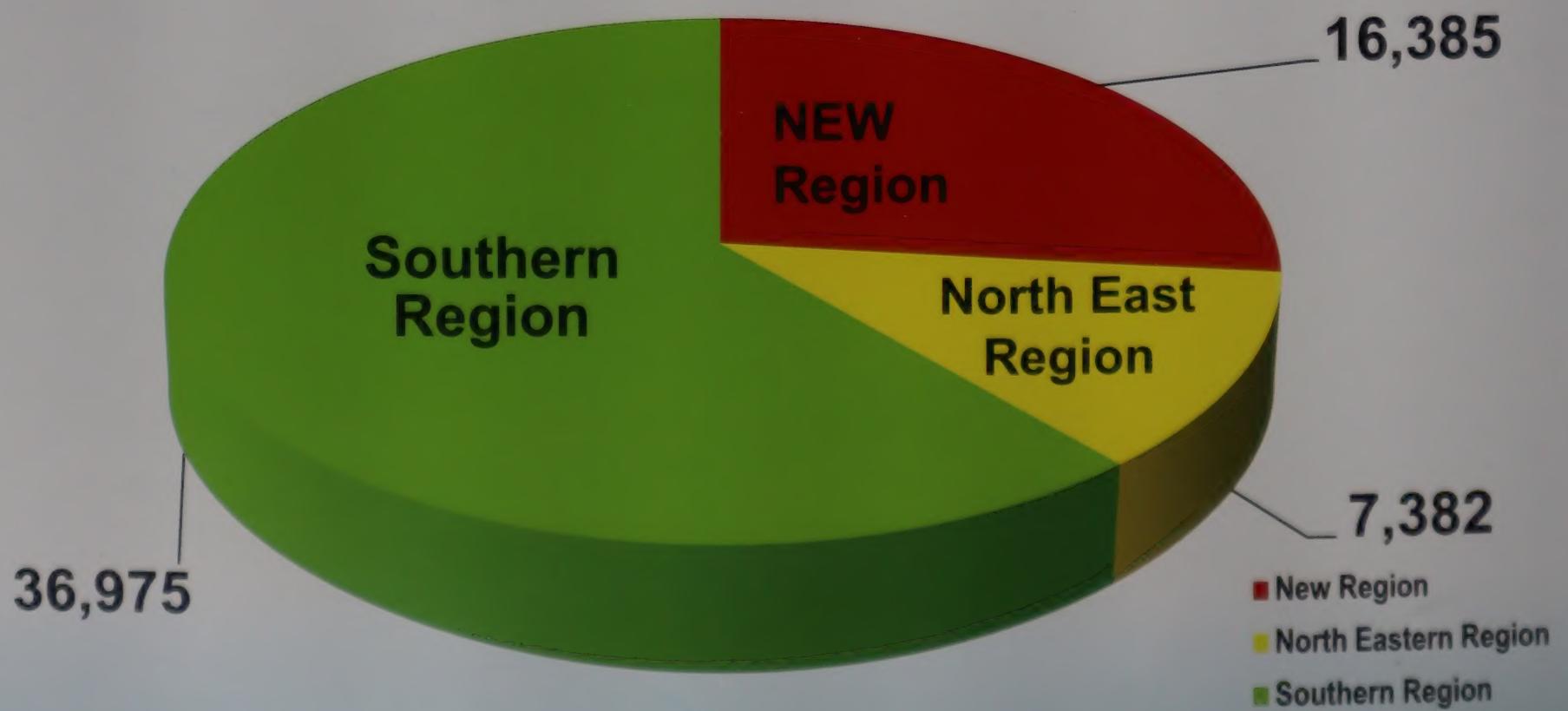


Activity Report 2015-2016

Touching the lives of 60,742 PwDs Programme wise data



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Our Vision

The Vision of CBRF is of equitable, just and inclusive societies in the world

- where all the rights of Persons with Disabilities and other marginalized groups are realized
- thereby enjoying full and effective participation in all spheres of life
- leading to fulfilment of their highest attainable potential.

Our Mission

Our Mission is to work throughout the country

- towards the holistic development of all persons with disabilities
- in partnership with them, NGOs and others
- by engaging with duty bearers and the community
- for the dignity, autonomy, participation, inclusion, accessibility, non-discrimination, respect for difference and equality of PwDs through CBR.

A Reflection by our Chairperson



Dear friends,

Caritas India CBR Forum (CBRF) completes one more year of its work in the cause of persons with Disabilities. Restoring human dignity to them, realisation of their rights, ensuring their full acceptance within the family and inclusiveness in the community remain the focus of our activities.

Persons with disabilities need to be part of the society and on an equal footing. Their talents and capabilities need to be revealed and recognized. While CBRF continues to strengthen the DPOs and their networks, providing training to the DPO leaders and the partner organizations, this year, we were happy to present to the wider world the marvelous abilities displayed by 15 achievers – though there are a legion of them out there – in the “Samarthya” programme organized at Bengaluru in February 2016. We are happy to have made them feel proud of themselves. There will be many more “Samarthya” celebrations in the coming years so that the persons with disabilities become visible, recognized and have an opportunity to display their talents and fruits of their labour. “Samarthya”, this year, was also a platform to sensitize the general public, the youth and the student world to the realities of this 'overlooked' section of our society. The CBRF team worked hard to plan, organize, coordinate and present “Samarthya” with the support of other organizations and volunteers.

A little has been achieved so far and a lot more has to be done. We rededicate ourselves to continue this mission for the fulfillment of the dreams of all the PwDs. We thank all our sponsors, well-wishers, collaborators for their support.

Dr. Gerry Pais
Chairperson



The Executive Director pens some thoughts ...

*“Working together,
we will make
things happen!”*



The year 2015-2016 has come to an end. For the Disabled Persons' Organizations (DPOs) it is only a beginning – a beginning of new meaning in their life, a beginning of inclusion in society. Caritas India CBR Forum (CBRF) has put in place DPOs in 18 States and 1 Union Territory of the country. Individual members from these groups have been trained to care for their needs, in liaison and in collaboration with Government authorities. Most of these groups are vibrant and are moving ahead. Details of their achievements are given in the pages of this Activity Report. And yet, we at CBRF believe that we are at the beginning of the journey, there is so much more to achieve. Having been linked up at Regional level (1) North Eastern Region, (2) Northern, Eastern and Western Region, (3) Southern Region, the DPOs are now planning to link up at National level. The preparatory meeting to take this plan forward was held at the end of the year.

All these DPOs have been the outcome of the Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) initiatives started with our NGO partners over the last few years. Today, CBRF is working with 59 NGOs touching the lives of 60,742 PwDs through 81 programmes.

As always, we had the unstinted support of ***Misereor, Light for the World and Caritas Germany*** to back us up in our endeavours to reach out to this under-privileged section of society. While their assistance enables us to do a lot, there is much more that needs doing. CBRF definitely needs to increase its reach and help those in far flung areas of the country.

As we step into 2016-2017, we move ahead with confidence, confidence in our NGO Partners, confidence in our team of Resource Persons and Training Centres and above all, confidence in the very last PwD from the remotest corner of our country. Working together, we will make things happen; together we are bound to make a difference in including persons with disabilities, in enabling them to leave their footprints on the sands of time!

Mr. Nicholas Guia Rebelo
Executive Director

Health

Health is a very important aspect of any human being. The facilities in the rural areas are not accessible to the PwDs due to many reasons. CBRF is trying to bridge the gap and provide support to access health care.



Rahul Mijar, 13 years, Cerebral Palsy, Home Based Intervention, ACRD, Assam.



Lalit Mahadev Shelvate, 9 years-Cerebral Palsy Home Based Intervention, Navvidya, Maharashtra.



Before



After

Ms. Shalini, 18 years old – Mental Retardation
Impact of Homebased training, skill development and physiotherapy,
SAVE, Tamil Nadu.

Achievements:

10,989 Disability certificates obtained by PwDs.

9,429 Identity Cards were obtained.

4,776 Aids and appliances.

4,356 PwDs were supported through home based rehabilitation.

1497 PwDs with psycho social disorders were supported for medication.

654 received treatment for Epilepsy.



Health Check up at Jeeva Jyothi, Tamil Nadu.

Livelihood

CBRF is striving hard to make the PwDs self-sustainable by providing skill and vocational training which will help them to learn new trades of their choice and to move forward in their life by earning a decent living.

Efforts are also made by partner organisations to give information on Government schemes which could be availed of by the PwDs. CBRF also gives financial support to commence an income generation programme.



Fishery, PGVS, Maharashtra.



Mr. Ali Raza at work, repairing bikes,
PGSS, Uttar Pradesh.



Anjalatchi, Locomotor Disability,
Running a petty shop, MSSS, Tamil Nadu.



Umesh Dabhekar, Locomotor Disability,
at work in his shop, ISAR, Maharashtra.

Achievements

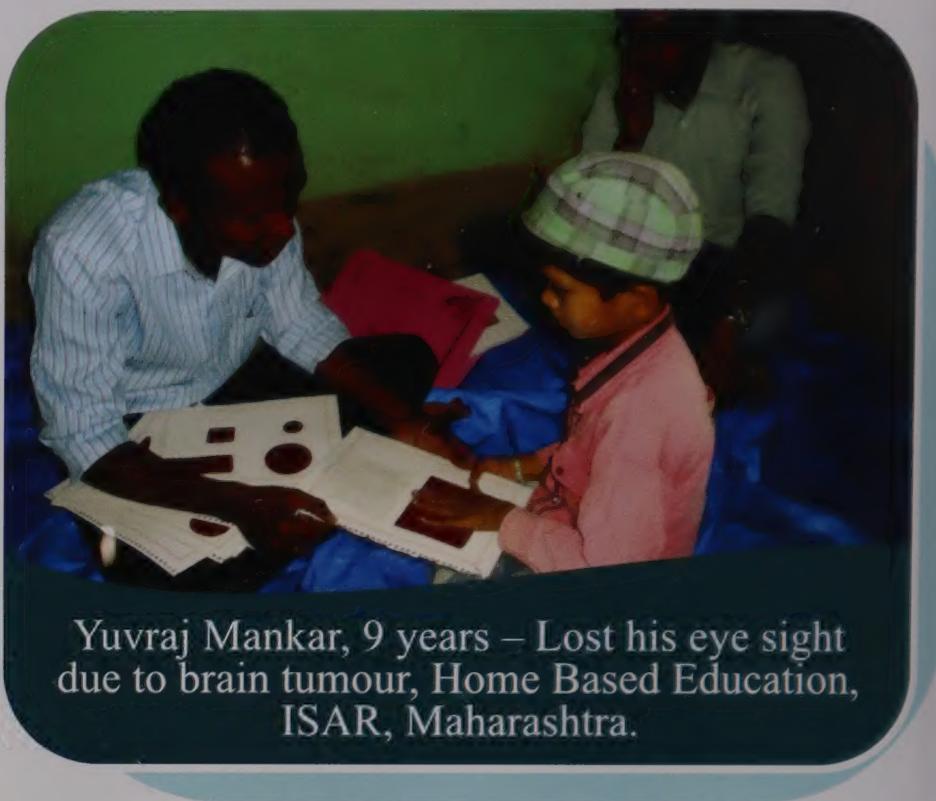
- Vocational Training – 3,764
- Open employment – 1,757
- Wage employment – 1,757
- Self-employment – 1,980
- Micro savings and access to credit – 6,325
- Pension - 6,326

Education

Education is the foundation of one's future. Despite of the Government's effort to ensure that every child is educated the Children with Disabilities (CwDs) are not able to access the same due to various reasons. CBRF's interventions help in providing home based education, holding dialogues with the school authorities and Govt. to include CwDs in the Mainstream school and to make schools accessible and disabled friendly.



Ms. Monica, 75% low vision and 60% MR
-Completed her 10th standard with good academic marks. Aim: to become a good teacher.
Brotherhood Trust, (DMI), Tamil Nadu.



Yuvraj Mankar, 9 years – Lost his eye sight due to brain tumour, Home Based Education, ISAR, Maharashtra.



Village level capacity building training for children, ZP School, Devadhari, Rasikashrya, Maharashtra.

Achievements

Enrollment at different levels for education - 3,850

CwDs who received scholarship from Government - 2,191

Non Formal Education/Functional Literacy - 443

Children's Clubs formed - 327

No. of children in Children's Clubs - 1,499

Social Inclusion

Due to several years of effort in inclusion of people with disabilities, society has started to accept the PwDs and they are being invited for social celebrations.

In addition, PwDs are increasingly being included in other spheres of life - education, sports, etc. They are also encouraged to make decisions in matters related to their personal life.



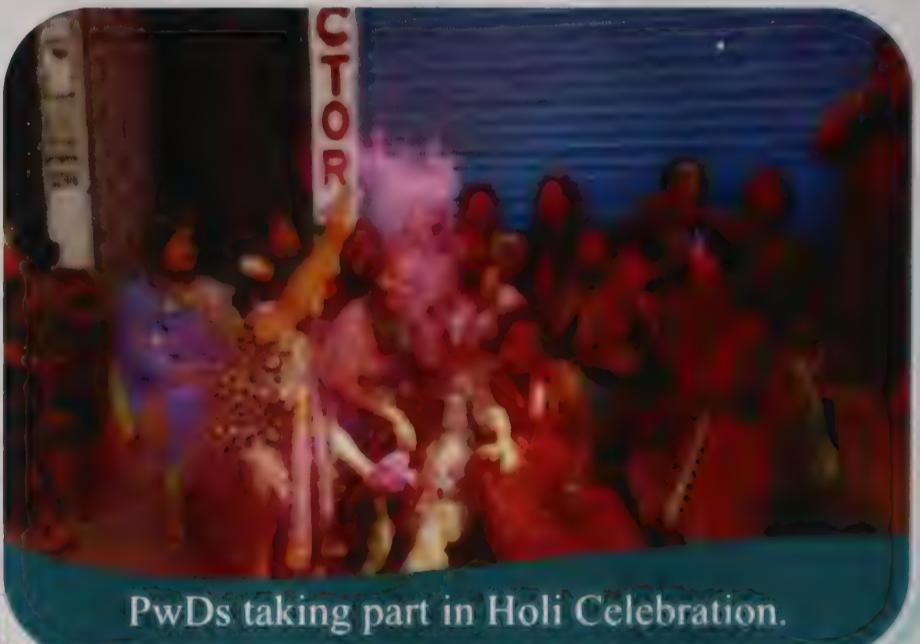
CwDs & Non CwDs participate in marathon.



MR child playing cricket.



Tulsa Thakare getting married.



PwDs taking part in Holi Celebration.

Achievements

No. of PwDs who got married - 1,721

No. of PwDs who received family support to meet personal expenses - 6,019

No. of PwDs who participate in social, cultural and religious activities (festivals, weddings & Birthday celebrations)-10,057

No. of PwDs who are making decisions in personal life - 6,135

Disabled People's Organisations - Achievements 2015-2016

CBRF along with their partners have formed more than 3,500 Village - level Disabled Persons' Organizations in 18 states and 1 Union Territory of the Country.

Capacity building sessions were held at different levels for more than 1,200 DPO leaders across the nation by CBRF. These sessions have enabled the PwDs to work with Government systems. Today, they are starting the formation of a National level Group (NDPO). This National DPO will represent more than 62,000 PwDs!

Key Achievements during 2015-16:

1. PwDs collaborated with the Government system from Gram Panchayat to Zilla Panchayat level and were able to convince officials to implement the provision of section 40 of the PwD Act 1995 – they ended up utilizing 3% of the budget and schemes for persons with disabilities. In Yavatmal District, the Zilla Panchayat issued orders to all its Grama Panchayats to utilize 3 % budget for PwDs. In Jharkhand, the Lohardhaga District Administration ensured that each Grama Panchayat utilized Rs. 30,000/-for the benefit of PwDs.
2. While accessibility has been addressed across projects, the achievement of the Lohardaga DPO is amazing - 64/66 Gram Panchayats have built ramps and 329 schools were also made accessible! Only two Panchayats have not built a ramp – this is because they do not have premises of their own.
3. After the intervention of DPOs in various States, the Health departments in different states have made medicines for Persons with Mental Illness available at Block and District Hospitals.
4. In Assam, the State Commissioner for Disabilities was not functioning properly. The same Commissioner was in-charge of other departments and was not able to give proper attention to issues of PwDs. This issue was taken up with the Social Welfare Department - the Commissioner was changed and a full time State Commissioner is now in place.
5. Tamilnadu, Kerala, Assam State DPOs have taken up the issue of accessible elections for all with some other like-minded networks with the Election Commission. Observed changes include the presence of Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) with Braille Symbols, the setting up of temporary ramps as per the requirement and the provision of wheelchairs – for instance, in Tiruvallur,in view of ensuring that PwDs could access polling booths and exercise their right to vote, 540 wheelchairs were given to Vasantham Federation and they were requested to coordinate this effort.



6. Till date, PwDs required the BPL number to avail different schemes like Housing and Pension Schemes. After the Yavatmal DPO took the matter forward, the District Administration has agreed to remove the BPL criteria (in the case of PwDs) for pension schemes and IAY housing schemes.
7. In Kerala after initial work by the Kerala State Disability Forum, all Zilla, Block and Grama Panchayats decided to provide modified mopeds to persons with severe disabilities to improve their mobility and participation in social activities. As on March 2016, 3,366 mopeds have been distributed across the state, each at a cost of around Rs. 80,000/-. A total sum of Rs. 269,280,000 has been spent on this.
8. The Nagaland State Level DPO has raised the issue of accessible tourism with the State Government. This has been circulated in the social media and has got good support. This Forum is now also recognized by the State Government and they are being invited to various meetings organized by the Government.
9. Following the example of Tiruvallur's Mr. Livingston (one of our Pwd leader's in Tamilnadu), who was made a member of the Southern Railway Users and District Coordination Committee, after taking the matter forward, leaders from East Godavari, Yavatmal, Lohardhaga and Nagaland have been elected as members of District and State level committees. This is a positive sign of inclusion of PwDs in the Government system! Hats off to our PwDs for taking the initiative and to the Government!
10. In Baripadha Block, Odisha, the BDPO took up the birth certification issue – no certificate was issued to any newborn baby till that time. After the intervention of the BDPO, certificates are being issued to all children (more than 900 children have got the birth certificate after their intervention).A wonderful example of PwDs working for the good of all in the community!
11. All across the States and regions, the following issues were taken up:
 - 1) Accessibility at railway stations and public places.
 - 2) Promulgation of the Disability Rights Bill.
 - 3) Non utilization of 3 % Budget at Grama Panchayat, Block Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat level and of Government Schemes as well.
 - 4) Improper utilization of M.P. Reserve Fund of Rs. 10,00,000.
 - 5) Pension and IAY housing scheme for needy PwDs.
 - 6) Non-inclusion of PwDs in MNREGA (with the exception of Andhra Pradesh).
 - 7) Provision of Medical Certificate for PwDs and Unique Identity Cards for all.
 - 8) Non-functioning of State Commissioner for Disabilities in some States.
 - 9) Non implementation of Court order regarding employment.
 - 10) Inclusion of PwDs in different developmental committees.
 - 11) Accessible Tourism
 - 12) Elections for all.
 - 13) Lack of skilled teachers for CwDs.



Training

Project Facilitation

CBRF staff help partner organisations to move in the proper direction as per the planned programmes through Project Facilitation visits. These visits are made to ensure the smooth functioning of the project and to help in resolving the problems and issues faced by partner organisations in implementing the programmes.



North Regional Partners meeting,
Wardha, Maharashtra.



Facilitation visit by project staff –
PMSSS, Pondicherry.



Facilitation visit by project staff -
GSMT, Maharashtra.



North Region, DPO meeting -
Seva Kendra, Kolkata.



Facilitation visit by project staff-JUST, Tripura.



North East Region Partners meeting,
NEDSSS, Assam.

Finance

Foreign Contribution Account

Receipts from 01 April 2015 to 31 March 2016

Receipts 01 April 2015 to 31 March 2016	KZE 321-900-1498	LFW p01302	Caritas Germany P.321-006/2013	Total

To Opening Balance :

Opening Bank(Bangalore, SBM)	26,788	-	14,384	4,34,700
Opening Banak(Guwahati)	-	-	-	-

Items of Income :

Received from Caritas India:

(i) Amount transferred by CI	86,00,000	2,66,000	43,00,000	15,00,000
(ii) Amount spent by CI on Account TDS	1,80,837	-	39,886	17,658
(iii) Amount received from CI for North East Office	-	-	35,000	-
Bank Interest	36,092	-	21,609	10,562
GRAND TOTAL	88,43,717	2,66,000	44,10,879	19,62,920
				1,54,83,516

Payments from 01 April 2015 to 31 March 2016				
Payments 01 April 2015 to 31 March 2016	KZE 321-900-1498	LFW p01302	Caritas Germany P.321-006/2013	Total
Non Recurrent Expenditure	1,93,514	-	3,11,397	5,04,911
Staff Costs	53,28,609	-	20,11,262	7,49,882
Programme Costs	26,84,922	1,65,585	14,52,667	3,14,026
Project Administration	5,82,825	-	6,08,239	1,60,700
Total Expenditure	87,89,870	1,65,585	43,83,565	12,24,608
Closing balance as on 31-03-2015 sent to Caritas India	-	14,384	-	14,384
State Bank of Mysore (Bangalore)	53,847	1,00,415	7,795	7,38,312
South Indian Bank (Guwahati)	5,135	-	5,135	5,135
Total	53,847	1,00,415	12,930	7,38,312
				9,05,504

GRAND TOTAL	88,43,717	2,66,000	44,10,879	19,62,920	1,54,83,516
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OUR PARTNERS

◎ ANDHRA PRADESH

- Jeevana Jyothi Canossa Health Centre
- Sat Prakashan Sangh
- Action for Development
- Uma Educational & Technical Society
- Pragati

◎ ARUNACHAL PRADESH

- Fransalian agency for social care and Education in India (FASCE India)
- Holy Cross Chavnod

◎ ASSAM

- Deshbandhu Club
- Swabalmabi
- Assam Centre for rural Development
- Franciscan clarist society of north east (FCC)
- Seva Kendra Silchar
- Women Development Centre

◎ CHATTISGARH

- Gramin Vikas Kendra
- Raigarh Catholic Diocese Association

◎ KARNATAKA

- Chikmagalur Multipurpose Social Service Society
- Margadarshi Society
- Sevasangama Development Society
- Prathyasha
- Birds Heal
- Grameena Abyudaya Seva Samsthe

◎ MADHYA PRADESH

- Gramin Adivasi Samaj Vikas Sansthan

◎ ODISHA

- Sadhana

◎ MAHARASHTRA

- Prerna Gram Vikas Sanstha
- Navvidya Bahuuddeshiya Sanstha
- Rasikashraya Sanskrutik Kala Va Bahuuddeshiya Sanstha
- Gramin Samasya Mukti Trust
- Institute of Social Awareness and Reforms



◎ MEGHALAYA

- Nongstoin Social Service Society
- Northeast Society of the Sisters of Holy Cross
- Sisters of Our Lady Fatima Northeast
- Bethany Society
- Agency for Sustainable Development



◎ MIZORAM

- Ferrando Integrated women Development centre
- Zoram Entu Pawl



◎ NAGALAND

- Care and Support Society
- Grace Society
- Prodigals Home
- Development Association of Nagaland



◎ PUDUCHERRY

- Pondicherry Multipurpose Social Service Society



◎ TAMIL NADU

- Integrated Women Development Institute
- Brotherhood Trust (DMI)
- Social Association for Village Embrace (SAVE)
- Thirupani Trust Association
- Mother Teresa Rural Educational Development Charitable Society
- Madras Social Service Society
- Integrated Rural Community Development Society
- Jeeva Jyothi



◎ TRIPURA

- Jana Unnayan Samiti Tripura
- Voluntary Health Association of Tripura
- Organization for Rural Survival



◎ UTTAR PRADESH

- Purvanchal Gramin Seva Samiti

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Nimma Swetha

Nimma Swetha, 25 years of age, hails from P. Mallavaram village, Tallarevu Mandalam Block, East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh. She is the youngest in the family and has two elder sisters. Her father, an auto driver, is the only bread winner in the family.

Nimma had completed her 10th standard but did not get a chance to continue her further studies due to a financial crisis. She became so mentally disturbed that at the age of 15 she drank phenyl at a wedding celebration. As a result of this behavior, she was taken to the mental hospital to get treatment but she refused to take medicines and began to isolate herself.



In the year 2009, a CBR Worker from Uma Educational and Technical Society, Kakinada, happened to meet her. Later, she took Nimma to the government hospital along with her parents. The CBR Worker started home-based intervention and inspired Nimma to engage in some livelihood activities.

Through proper medication and support Nimma became stable; she is being treated well by her family members and society. She has started working as a sales person at a cloth shop at Yanam and earns Rs. 3,000 per month. Through her income, she supports her family financially.





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